

Remarks

Claims 11, 16, and 17 are amended, claims 12 and 20 are cancelled, and claims 22 and 23 are added by this amendment. Claims 1-7, 11, 13-19, and 21-23 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-10 were indicated in the Office action as being allowed and claims 12-16, 20, and 21 were indicated in the Office action as being directed to allowable subject matter. Applicant further notes that claims 8-10 were previously cancelled in the preliminary amendment received by the Patent Office on September 12, 2005.

The claims have been amended as detailed below merely to expedite prosecution of the present application by incorporating allowable subject matter indicated in the Office action. This should not be construed to be an admission that Applicant concurs with the positions taken in the Office action regarding the teachings of the prior art or the application of prior art to the claims. These amendments are not made for any reason related to patentability and Applicant fully reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of any of the originally submitted claims in a subsequently filed continuing application.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 12.

Claim 16 has been amended to correctly depend from claim 14.

Claim 17 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 20.

New claim 22 is original claim 13, which was indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter, written in independent form.

New claim 23 is original claim 21, which was indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter, written in independent form.

Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 1-7, 11, 13-19, and 21-23.

Should there be questions about this application or if the Examiner feels that an interview will be helpful in moving the application to allowance, the undersigned is available by telephone during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,



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